

# Bacanora Announces Filing of Technical Report on New Alakli Metal and Alkali Earth Metal Inferred Resource Declared for El Sauz and Fleur Concessions

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CALGARY, ALBERTA--(Marketwired - Jan 9, 2014) - **BACANORA MINERALS LTD.** (TSX VENTURE:BCN) ("Bacanora" or the "Company") is announcing the filing of a Technical Report ("Report") in respect of its El Sauz and Fleur concessions ("Concessions") under joint venture with Rare Earth Minerals PLC ("REM") that form part of the Sonora Lithium Project in northern Mexico. The Report has been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 - *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101") and is entitled, *Initial Estimate of Inferred Resources for Alkali Metals and Alkali Earth Metals - El Sauz & Fleur Concessions - Sonora Lithium Project*. The lead author of the Technical Report is Carl G. Verley, P.Geo., who is a "qualified person" within the meaning of NI 43-101 and is independent of the Company. The Report has been filed on SEDAR and is also available for download on the Company's website.

The Report summarizes a new alkali metal and alkali earth metal inferred resource (as initially announced by the Company by press release on November 25, 2013) based on analytical results obtained from pulps of core samples previously analysed in connection with the Company's lithium (Li) drilling programs, which were re-analysed by ALS Global, an internationally recognized and ISO accredited laboratory, using method ME-MS81<sup>(1)</sup>, in order to achieve better definition of alkali values above detection limits of the previous analytical method that was used in connection with Li analyses (ME-MS41<sup>(2)</sup>).

The ranges of values across the clay units for selected elements, magnesium (Mg), potassium (K), rubidium (Rb), strontium (Sr) and cesium (Cs) are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Ranges of analyses for selected alkalis on the Concessions

|            | Li ppm                   | K %         | Rb ppm   | Cs ppm     | Mg %        | Sr ppm      |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Upper Clay | 41 - 6,200               | 0.12 - 1.75 | 23 - 480 | 34 - 1,805 | 0.13 - 5.21 | 128 - 8,380 |
| Lower Clay | 38 - Greater Than 10,000 | 0.12 - 4.45 | 14 - 880 | 68 - 3,000 | 0.16 - 5.52 | 31 - 6,820  |

The lower clay unit shows significant enrichment in alkali metals in comparison to the upper clay unit.

Based on the intervals used to estimate inferred lithium resources for the Concessions (which have been declared in accordance with NI 43-101 (for a discussion of such resources, please refer to the Company's news release dated August 28, 2013)) at varying Li cutoffs, new inferred resources for selected alkalis have been estimated for those same intervals based on the Li cut-offs. These new inferred resources for selected alkalis are tabulated below (Table 2). Further testing will be necessary to confirm economic feasibility of recovering these elements as either co-products or by-products in a potential future mining and processing operation. The Company plans to initiate further metallurgical testing to determine if these elements are recoverable.). **Investors are cautioned that the resource estimate does not mean or imply that an economic lithium deposit exists on the Concessions. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves as they do not have demonstrated economic viability. Further testing will need to be undertaken to confirm economic feasibility.**

Table 2. Summary of New Resources for selected alkalis on the Concessions.

| Cut-off<br>(ppm Li) | Thickness (m) | True <sup>1</sup> | Grade                |        |     |        |        |       |        |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------|-----|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                     |               |                   | Tonnage <sup>2</sup> | Li ppm | K % | Rb ppm | Cs ppm | Mg %  | Sr ppm |
| <b>Upper Clay</b>   |               |                   |                      |        |     |        |        |       |        |
| 1,000               | 18.30         | 57,700,000        | 1,381                | 0.59   | 157 | 473    | 1.67   | 1,274 |        |
| 2,000               | 6.80          | 20,060,000        | 2,748                | 1.07   | 267 | 537    | 2.16   | 1,136 |        |
| 3,000               | 8.10          | 9,846,000         | 3,398                | 1.17   | 301 | 560    | 2.06   | 1,375 |        |

| Lower Clay          |       |             |       |      |     |     |      |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 1,000               | 27.60 | 96,103,000  | 2,526 | 1.10 | 263 | 702 | 1.77 | 983   |
| 2,000               | 14.70 | 68,211,000  | 3,278 | 1.34 | 331 | 807 | 2.22 | 1,007 |
| 3,000               | 24.00 | 44,083,000  | 4,030 | 1.65 | 379 | 886 | 2.18 | 1,092 |
| Combined Clay Units |       |             |       |      |     |     |      |       |
| 1,000               | 45.90 | 153,806,000 | 2,052 | 0.91 | 224 | 617 | 1.73 | 1,092 |
| 2,000               | 21.50 | 88,271,000  | 3,163 | 1.28 | 317 | 749 | 2.21 | 1,036 |
| 3,000               | 32.10 | 53,929,000  | 3,922 | 1.56 | 364 | 822 | 2.16 | 1,148 |

<sup>1</sup> True thickness is estimated to be 94% of drill intercepts.

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that figures expressed above are gross figures. The Concessions are the subject of a joint venture between the Company and REM, pursuant to which REM has an option to earn up to a 49.9% interest. To date, REM has earned a 30% interest.

### **About the Sonora Lithium Project:**

The Sonora Lithium Project consists of the La Ventana, La Ventana 1 and the San Gabriel concessions, which are owned 100% by Bacanora, along with the contiguous El Sauz, El Sauz 1, El Sauz 2, Fleur and Fleur 1 concessions, which are owned 70% by Bacanora and 30% by REM. The Company has declared inferred resources on each of the La Ventana concessions and the Bacanora / REM Joint Venture Lands, in respect of which reports have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 (please refer to the Company's SEDAR filings for copies of these reports and related press releases). Inferred resources have been estimated for the La Ventana Lithium Deposit totaling 60 million tonnes averaging 3,000 ppm Li (equivalent to 1.6% lithium carbonate equivalent<sup>(3)</sup> assuming 100% recovery and no process losses). Inferred resources for the El Sauz and Fleur concessions total 88,271,000 tonnes averaging 3,163 ppm Li at a 2,000 ppm cut-off (1.68% lithium carbonate equivalent assuming 100% recovery and no process losses). The resource on the Bacanora/REM Joint Venture Lands is open down dip to the east and to the south. For further details concerning the Company's agreement with REM and details of the joint venture pertaining to the Concessions, please refer to the Company's press release dated May 22, 2013.

Carl G. Verley, P.Geo. is the Qualified Person pursuant to NI 43-101 with responsibility for the Report and has reviewed and approved the technical contents of this news release.

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(1) ME-MS81: analytical method consists of aqua regia digestion of a 1 gram aliquot of prepared sample pulp. The resulting solution is analysed using a combination of ICP-AES and ICP-MS instruments.

(2) ME-MS41: analytical method consisting of lithium borate fusion of a 1 gram aliquot of prepared sample pulp followed by acid digestion. The resulting solution is analysed by ICP-MS instrumentation.

(3) LCE = lithium carbonate equivalent ( $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ): determined by multiplying Li value in percent by 5.324 to get an equivalent  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  value in percent. Use of LCE is to provide data comparable with industry standards.

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